

SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY



# MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION

**THE MISSION OF THE MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM in Community Health Education at San Francisco State University** is to promote individual and community **health, health equity and social justice in urban communities** through community-based research, advocacy, and the preparation of public health leaders. We provide a participatory learning environment that integrates theory and practice, honors diversity, and fosters leadership, collaboration, critical thinking, and communication skills.

## DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF THE SF STATE MPH PROGRAM

**Applied curriculum** takes students into the community to address complex contemporary public health issues.

**Writing-intensive and presentation-oriented coursework** develops professional publication and presentation skills.

**Course schedule to accommodate working professionals.**

Coursework and activities concentrated on one afternoon and two evenings.

**Student cohorts.** Students move through the curriculum in a **learning community**.

**Hands-on faculty** committed to social justice, community-based research, and advocacy work.

**Team Practice Experience.** A multi-semester *supervised* team practice experience in community assessment and program planning.

**Culminating Experience Project,** with a student-driven topic and format, provides intensive professional development.

**Professional ePortfolio.** A student-developed electronic portfolio serves as a showcase of professional knowledge, skills, and achievements.

**For more information and to download application materials, visit us at**  
**<http://healthed.sfsu.edu>**

INTEGRATING THEORY AND PRACTICE





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*It was very rewarding to work with students with such strong skill sets. I enjoyed sharing critical ideas and problem solving with them.*

—Community Adjunct Faculty

## ADMISSION CRITERIA

- A minimum of two years full time equivalent health-related work experience, volunteer or paid, public health preferred
- A college course in statistics or calculus/composition/ social science/cultural, ethnic, or social diversity
- Academic excellence—a 3.0 or higher undergraduate GPA or in the last 60 semester/90 quarter units attempted
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General Test
- Admission preference given to applicants who demonstrate linguistic competence in both English and a second language

## ADMISSION PROCEDURES

*Application deadline is February 1.*

*New MPH students are admitted for fall semester only.*

### Step 1: Attend a Prospective Student Information Session

Highly recommended. Dates and locations available on the departmental website.

### Step 2: Submission of Documents

**Part A:** To complete the required Division of Graduate Studies portion of the application process: <http://sfsu.edu/~gradstudy/>

**Part B:** To complete the required Health Education Department portion of the application process: <http://healthed.sfsu.edu>

### Step 3. Admission Decision Notification: Early Spring

Note: admitted students move from conditional to classified status after a semester of earning a 3.0 or higher GPA.

*The SF State MPH in Community Health Education is a Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) Accredited Program.*

## CURRICULUM

- *Highly-Accelerated paced five semester time to completion option might not be suitable for those with extensive outside commitments.*
- *Six semester option provides more moderate pacing.*
- *Longer time to completion options are also available.*

### MPH Coursework

**44 Units Total**

#### NON-SEQUENCED COURSES

Elective	3
HED 855 Environmental Health <i>(Taken in semester of student's choice)</i>	3

#### FALL SEMESTER YEAR ONE

HED 810 Public Health & Principles of Community Organizing	3
HED 815 Theories of Social Behavioral Change in CHE	3
HED 828 Biostatistics Lab	1
HED 829 Biostatistics & Public Health	3

#### SPRING SEMESTER YEAR ONE

HED 820 Community Health Assessment	3
HED 821 Community Health Assessment Practice	2
HED 825 Epidemiology	3

#### SUMMER SEMESTER YEAR ONE

HED 822 Advanced Community Health Assessment Practice	3
HED 884 Seminar in Applied CHE Research <i>(Culminating Experience Proposal Development)</i>	1

#### FALL SEMESTER YEAR TWO

HED 830 Program Planning for Community Change	3
HED 831 Program Planning Practice	2
HED 835 Public Health Policy	3
HED 885 Advanced Seminar in Applied CHE Research <i>(Submission of Culminating Experience Proposal)</i>	1

#### SPRING SEMESTER YEAR TWO

HED 811 Community Health Education Skills ePortfolio	1
HED 840 Program Evaluation Design & Research	3
HED 895 Applied Research Project in Health Education <i>(Culminating Experience Project Completion)</i>	3

#### OPTION TO ENROLL FALL SEMESTER YEAR THREE

For a more moderate pacing, HED 895, HED 855, HED 835 and/ or Elective can instead be completed during a sixth semester of enrollment. Longer time to completion options are also available.

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